

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/20/2011.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,6,8,10 and 12-15.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: ____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 06/20/2011
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 09/21/2011.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joseph P. Mehrle on Wednesday September 21, 2011.

The newly amended set of claims as authorized by Applicant immediately follow:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to manage secure communications ~~implemented in a computer-readable medium and to~~ executes in on a proxy server, the method, comprising:
 - establishing, by the proxy server, a secure session on a secure site with an external client that communicates from an insecure site;
 - detecting, by the proxy server, access attempts during the secure session directed to insecure transactions, the insecure transactions identified as links to a site that is external (external site) to, not controlled by, and not recognized by the secure site, and the access attempts are directed to the insecure transactions having references to resources of the external site; and
 - transparently managing, by the proxy server, the access attempts by pre-acquiring content from the external site by accessing the links on behalf of the external client to pre-acquire the content and by scanning and inspecting the content within the secure site before determining whether the content should be made available to the external client during the secure session, and at least one access attempt associated with at least one piece of the content that is scanned

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identifies a true insecure reference by determining that the true insecure reference is a particular reference that has been determined by the method to have had the piece of the content or metadata of the true insecure reference tampered with, and the true insecure reference is entirely removed from the content before the content is supplied to the external client and an event is reported as a custom warning inserted into the content supplied to the external client, the event identifies for the external client within the content that the true insecure reference was removed before being provided to the external client, and a number of other access attempts are associated with different content for other references that are secure but appear insecure, these other references are provided as secure references to the external client to suppress warning messages from being generated within the external client with these other access attempts made during the secure session.

8. (Currently Amended) A method to manage secure communications ~~implemented in a computer readable medium and to executes in on~~ a proxy server, the method, comprising:

detecting, by the proxy server, insecure transactions occurring during a secure session, the insecure transactions result from actions requested by an external client participating in the secure session;

inspecting, by the proxy server, the insecure transactions in advance of satisfying the actions requested by pre-acquiring content associated with the insecure transactions before making available to the external client, and the insecure transactions are associated with links to an external site located outside a secure site associated with the secure session, and content are pre-acquired from the external site via the links and inspected and scanned on behalf of the

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external client within the proxy server, and a number of references associated with some of the insecure references are determined to be secure, these references are translated to appear secure to the external client and when accessed by the external client suppress warning messages from occurring within the external client; and

making, by the proxy server, a determination based on the inspection for taking processing actions including one or more of the following: permitting some of the insecure transactions to proceed unmodified by performing the actions requested for the external client;

permitting, by the proxy server, some of the insecure transactions to proceed in a modified fashion; and denying some of the insecure transactions by denying the actions requested, and some of the insecure transactions that are denied are identified as references that have a World-Wide Web (WWW) cookie associated with their headers, and these references are entirely removed from the content before the content is supplied to the external client and the references entirely removed are reported as custom warning messages to the external client as an event within the content, the event identifies for the external client within the content that the true insecure reference was removed before being provided to the external client.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the application filed on 06/20/2011.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, and 12-15 have been pending.

Reasons for Allowance

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Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, and 12-15 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement for reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, either singularly or in combination, failed to teach the combination of the invention as claimed in independent claim 1. For example, it failed to teach *“at least one access attempt associated with at least one piece of the content that is scanned identifies a true insecure reference by determining that the true insecure reference is a particular reference that has been determined by the method to have had the piece of the content or metadata of the true insecure reference tampered with, and the true insecure reference is entirely removed from the content before the content is supplied to the external client and an event is reported as a custom warning inserted into the content supplied to the external client, the event identifies for the external client within the content that the true insecure reference was removed before being provided to the external client, and a number of other access attempts are associated with different content for other references that are secure but appear insecure, these other references are provided as secure references to the external client to suppress warning messages from being generated within the external client with these other access attempts made during the secure session.”*

This feature in light of other features describes in the independent claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record.

The prior art of record, either singularly or in combination, failed to teach the combination of the invention as claimed in independent claim 8. For example, it failed to teach *“inspecting, by the proxy server, the insecure transactions in advance of satisfying the actions requested by pre-*

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acquiring content associated with the insecure transactions before making available to the external client, and the insecure transactions are associated with links to an external site located outside a secure site associated with the secure session, and content are pre-acquired from the external site via the links and inspected and scanned on behalf of the external client within the proxy server, and a number of references associated with some of the insecure references are determined to be secure, these references are translated to appear secure to the external client and when accessed by the external client suppress warning messages from occurring within the external client”

This feature in light of other features describes in the independent claim 8 is allowable over the prior art of record.

Claims 2 and 6 depend on claim 1, and are therefore considered as allowable claims.

Claims 10 and 12-15 depend on claim 8, and are therefore considered as allowable claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Canh Le whose telephone number is 571-270-1380. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 7:30AM to 5:00PM other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Orgad Edan can be reached on 571-272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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